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SUBJECT: ~~SECRET~~ RETURN OF MONTONEROS TO ARGENTINA

1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT. WARNING: SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE
SOURCES INVOLVED.

2. ON NOVEMBER 7, 1979, RSO MET WITH MEMBERS OF ARGENTINE
INTELLIGENCE REGARDING THE RECENT ATTACKS AND INFILTRATION
BY MEMBERS OF THE MONTONEROS. ARGENTINE SOURCES
PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

--RAUL CLEMENTE YAGER (ALIAS "ROQUE") ARRIVED IN ARGENTINA
IN LATE AUGUST AND IS THE COMMANDER OF THE "TEA" FORCES.
(TEA STANDS FOR SPECIAL AGITATION TROOPS, THE GROUP
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AGITATION AND CLANDESTINE RADIO
BROADCASTS THAT INTERRUPTED THE AUDIO ON IN-PROGRESS
TELEVISION PROGRAMS.)

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--HORACIO ALBERTO MENDIZABAL (KILLED BY GOA SECURITY FORCES ON
1-17-79) (ALIAS "HERNAN" AND "VASCO") WAS THE COMMANDER OF THE

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"TEI" FORCES AND HAD ENTERED THE COUNTRY IN APRIL. (TEI STANDS FOR SPECIAL INFANTRY TROOPS AND THESE ARE THE TROOPS WHO ARE CONDUCTING THE ATTACKS ON SPECIFIC GOA PERSONNEL).

--EDUARDO DANIEL PEREYRA ROSSI (ALIAS "CARLON" IS DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE TEI GROUP AND IS NOW IN COMMAND AS A RESULT OF MENDIZABAL'S DEATH.

--HORACIO DOMINGO CAMPIGLIO (ALIAS "PETRUS") IS IN CHARGE OF COMMUNICATION FOR BOTH THE TEI AND TEA FORCES.

3. ARGENTINE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES ADVISED THAT THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MENDIZABAL ARE STILL AT LARGE WITHIN ARGENTINA. SOURCES ADVISED THAT THEY WERE ASSISTED BY MONTONER MEMBER WORKING WITH THE SECURITY FORCES IN LOCATING MENDIZABAL. THEY ALSO STATED IN THE STRICTEST OF CONFIDENCE THAT THEY HAVE CAPTURED A MEMBER WHO WAS AN INSTRUCTOR FOR THE TEI GROUP WHEN THEY WERE BEING TRAINED IN LIBYA.

4. SOURCES ADVISED THAT THE MONTONERO MEMBERS OF THE TEI/TEA GROUP WERE TRAINED IN LIBYA BY MEMBERS OF THE PLO IN THE USE OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, EXPLOSIVES AND AGITATION TECHNIQUES AND THEN TRAVELED TO SPAIN FOR ADDITIONAL TRAINING AT A HOUSE LOCATED APPROXIMATELY TEN MILES FROM MADRID. WITH REGARD TO MONTONERO ACTIVITIES IN MADRID, ARGENTINE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES PROVIDED THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: THE MONTONEROS IN SPAIN HAVE MADE CONTACTS AT THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

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LEVEL THROUGH OSCAR BIDEAIN AND DANIEL VACA NARVAJA. THIS HAS GIVEN THE MONTONEROS A SEMI-LEGAL STATUS WHICH PERMITS THEM ACCESS TO PERSONS AT THE POLITICAL AND LABOR LEVELS AS WELL AS SPANISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. THEIR SEMI-LEGAL STATUS HAS PERMITTED THEM TO PURCHASE A RESIDENCE WHICH THEY CALL "CASA DEL PUEBLO ARGENTINO" IN THE AREA OF PUERTA DE HIERRO IN MADRID, A FEW BLOCKS FROM PERON'S FORMER RESIDENCE. THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE HOUSE IS LILIANN GOLDENBERG (ALIAS "PASTITO"). THE POLITICAL SECRETARY OF THE MONTONERO PARTY, PERDIA ROBERTO CIRILO, VISITS THE HOUSE ON A DAILY BASIS WHEN IN SPAIN AND HANDLES MPM MATTERS AND RECEIVES VISITORS, BOTH TERRORISTS AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL CONTACTS.

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THE HOUSE IS PROTECTED BY SPANISH GUARDIA CIVIL GUARDS WHO PATROL THE AREA WITH A VEHICLE. MOST OF THE MPM AND PARTY MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT RELATED TO THE INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM ARE HEADQUARTERED AT THIS LOCATION. THIS IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT ITALY AND FRANCE ARE LITTLE BY LITTLE GIVING THE MONTONEROS LESS SUPPORT (WHICH THE PREVIOUSLY GOT FROM LEFTIST POLITICAL PARTIES AND OTHER LEADERS) AND BECAUSE IN SPAIN THEY HAVE NO LANGUAGE PROBLEMS. THE TERRORISTS ARE USING DOCUMENTATION PREPARED FOR THEM BY EXCELLENT PRINTERS IN BARCELONA, ESPECIALLY THE PASSPORTS AND DNI (NATIONAL DOCUMENT OF IDENTITY).

5. SOURCES WILL DO NOT KNOW IF THE TEI GROUP WHICH ATTACKED KLEIN IS STILL IN THE COUNTRY OR NOT. THE ARGENTINE SECURITY INTELLIGENCE FORCES BELIEVE THAT THE TEI THAT BOMBED THE KLEIN HOUSE HAD ONE OBJECTIVE AND WERE THEN TO DEPART THE COUNTRY, AND THAT OTHER GROUP(S) WOULD ENTER AND FOLLOW THE SAME PLAN, I.E. ATTACK ON SPECIFIC TARGET AND DEPART. THE ARGENTINES BELIEVE THAT THE TERRORISTS REQUIRE ABOUT NINETY DAYS TO PLAN THE ATTACK, CARRY OUT THE ATTACK, AND DEPART THE COUNTRY. THE SOURCE STATED THAT THE ATTACK ON [REDACTED]
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SECRETARY ALEMANN CONDUCTED ON NOVEMBER 7, 1979 INDICATED THAT THE MONTONEROS ARE HARD PRESSED BY SECURITY FORCES AS THE ATTACK WAS SLOPPILY PLANNED AND EXECUTED. THE SOURCES INDICATED THAT ARGENTINE SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE FORCES ARE WORKING 24 HOURS A DAY ON APPREHENDING THE MONTONEROS AND BELIEVE THAT WITH SUFFICIENT TIME AND LUCK THEY WILL CAPTURE THEM. SOURCES ALSO INDICATE THAT THE DEATH OF MENDIZABAL AND DANIEL ARMANDO CROATTO (ALIAS "PETETE") HAVE HAD A TREMENDOUS PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT ON THE MONTONEROS.

6. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS TELEGRAM WAS PROVIDED BY A MEMBER ACTIVELY EMPLOYED BY ARGENTINE INTELLIGENCE. THEIR REPORTS HAVE BEEN RELIABLE AND THEY REPORT INFORMATION AS THEY KNOW IT. THE INFORMATION ITSELF HAS NOT AS YET BEEN CORROBORATED BY OTHER SECTIONS OF THE MISSION.

7. FOR MADRID: RSO WOULD APPRECIATE IF MADRID COULD CONFIRM ANY INFORMATION CONTAINED IN PARA 5.

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